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In re Application of:

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For: CORTICOID-17, 21-DICARBOXYLIC ESTERS AND CORTICOSTEROID

17-CARBOXYLIC ESTER

21-CARBONIC ESTERS, PROCESSES FOR THEIR PREPARATION AND PHARMACEUTICALS CONTAINING

THESE COMPOUNDS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a second month extension of time to respond to the Office action of November 19, 1998. A fee of \$290.00 (\$400.00 less \$110.00 previously paid) is enclosed.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this petition, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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